IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1 or 2~~ 12, ~~characterized in~~ wherein that said adhering step comprises a step of applying pressure to said portion to be adhered.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1 or 2~~ 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said adhering step comprises a heating step.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1 or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ 7, wherein said jig ~~comprises~~ includes a sliding portion for allowing the movement in the interval direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1 or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that said~~ 12, wherein a first portion of said jig comprises a plate side jig fixed to said ~~face~~ first plate ~~or said rear plate, and a portion touching the plate side jig and setting relative positions between said face plate and said rear plate~~, and said plate side jig touches the sliding portion.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for producing a flat panel display, comprising a first plate and a second plate opposite each other, and a frame portion, said method comprising the steps of: ~~according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that,~~

adhering the frame portion between the first plate and the second plate while guided by a jig, with relative positions between said first plate and said second plate being in a predetermined state in a lateral direction; and

allowing the jig to permit movement in an interval direction of the first plate and the second plate transverse to the lateral direction, wherein

the jig, ~~said face~~ the first plate, and ~~said rear~~ the second plate have substantially equal expansion coefficients at a heating temperature when said adhering step is performed.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1 or 2~~ 12, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein the flat panel display comprises an electron emitting portion and a fluorescent member which becomes fluorescent by an electron emitted by the electron emitting portion.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein the electron emitting portion is provided in ~~said rear~~ the second plate portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein the fluorescent member is provided in ~~said face~~ the first plate portion.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising the step of providing a support member ~~is provided~~ between ~~said face~~ the first plate portion and ~~said rear~~ the second plate portion, for maintaining an interval between ~~said face~~ the first plate portion and ~~said rear~~ the second plate portion.

12. (New) A method for producing a flat panel display, comprising a first plate and a second plate opposite each other, and a frame portion, said method comprising the steps of:

aligning relative positions between the first plate and the second plate in a lateral direction;

setting a jig to the first plate and the second plate, which are laterally aligned with each other, with the jig having a sliding portion;

adhering the frame portion between the first plate and the second plate; and

while maintaining the relative positions between the first plate and the second plate, allowing the sliding portion of the jig to permit movement of the first and second plates relative to each other in a direction transverse to the lateral direction.